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Offer Refuge to Von Papen

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1. The Turkish Government is very much embarrassed at the publicity given the rumors that it was planning to offer Franz Von Papen refuge in Turkey. Official circles were apprehensive that such an act on the part of the government might be interpreted by the Russians as unfriendly, particularly in view of the fact that the Russian prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials had protested against the acquittal of Von Papen. Consequently, on 12 October, the government issued a strong denial of these rumors.
2. In spite of such denial, [REDACTED] states that the report would seem to have considerable foundation. Since Von Papen has always been considered a great friend of Turkey, his acquittal caused a great deal of satisfaction in Turkish official circles. The government, therefore, deemed it wise to issue the denial in order to offset the effects of this sympathetic reaction.

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